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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Japan Elections

JAPAN and West Germany, in their relation to large neighbouring Communist states, have much in common. Both ex-enemy and now pro-West, they have been subjected to varying degrees of pressure in recent years to renounce current allegiances and adopt neutrality. Both led by hard-headed realists, have steadfastly refused. And crude interfering gestures by the Communists have been largely ignored by voters.

In both countries, because of the lack of substantial Communist parliamentary parties, Socialists have been supported either by Russia or China. And in both countries, Socialist gains have been negligible. In Germany's case Russia was forced to admit its frustration and subsequent negotiations led to mutual recognition and trade talks. And it would seem that China's present hostility is no more than temporary perversity and more friendly relations may be expected to follow after a respectable face-saving interval.

Full Freedom

MR Kishi, Premier of Japan, undoubtedly, realises this and must be considerably reassured that China's interference in the campaign lost the Conservative-Liberal Democrats only three seats. And while the Peking-backed Socialists, demanding abolition of the Japan-United States joint security pact, recognition of China and the "denunciation" of Japan, gained six seats, the Communist representation was halved from two seats to one seat.

Thus with a clear majority of 121 over its Socialist opponents, the Japanese Government is strong enough to maintain existing alliances and commitments for some time. And as the governing party has succeeded in burying internal differences, stable government and consistent policies are assured.

America must be gratified with the result which enables it to maintain a valuable alliance in North-east Asia. But it needs to recognise Japan's full freedom to enter into unrestricted trade and diplomatic negotiations with China at a later date if the Kishi Government deems it necessary. If the American Government can show as much realism as Mr Kishi and his ministers have so far shown in their conduct of foreign policy, this step need not prove disruptive to relations between the two countries.

Management Training

THE Chinese General Chamber of Commerce has decided to raise a million dollars to establish a school to train managerial and commercial staff for local firms. The idea is a good one but it would be a pity if the venture were to be identified with any one organisation. It would limit its appeal considerably.

The Chinese Manufacturers Association's donation of a million dollars to the Technical College seems a better way of employing money on schemes of this kind. Could not the Technical College be broadened to become the Hongkong Technical and Managerial Training College and the Chinese Chambers' funds, together with donations by Chinese and British firms, be employed in such a development?

TAHITI JOINS THE REBELS

FRENCH FLEET SAILS

Paris, May 25. France's Mediterranean fleet sailed from Malta for an unknown destination tonight. The surprise move touched off widespread but unconfirmed rumours that the fleet was joining the revolt in support of General Charles de Gaulle.

The fleet put to sea almost without warning after taking part in Nato manoeuvres in the Mediterranean.

Some rumours said it was en route to Algiers to join the pro-de Gaulle rebels, others that it was heading for Corsica. The French Marine Ministry denied all reports and insisted that the fleet simply had sailed as part of the manoeuvres.

Ominous

But these developments gave ominous support to the reports that the fleet might have swung its support to General de Gaulle.

★ Admiral Philippe Auboyneau, commander-in-chief of the Mediterranean Fleet, came out publicly in Algiers on Saturday night in favour of the mushrooming de Gaulle movement.

★ Admiral Henri Nomy, French Naval Chief of Staff, and Alain Pöher, former Secretary of State for the Navy, held hasty consultations with members of the government before an emergency Cabinet meeting tonight.

Admiral Auboyneau flew from Algiers to Malta today, conferred briefly at Valletta Airport with the Nato Supreme Commander, General Lauris Norstad, and then ordered the French fleet to sea.

The ships had been scheduled to remain at Malta until Tuesday.

There was no mention of the fleet in the official communiqué issued after the Cabinet meeting.

Mao Works On A Reservoir

Peking, May 25. China's Chairman, Mao Tse-tung, with members of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party today took part in physical labour on the site of a reservoir near the Ming Tomb, north of Peking, the New China News Agency reported.

Dressed as ordinary workers, Chairman Mao, together with Comrades Lin Shao-chi, Chu Teh, Teng Hsiao-ping and the rest of the Central Committee members left for the reservoir construction site in five motor coaches, the agency added.

VISCOUNT MISHAP

New York, May 25. A Viscount turbo-prop airliner carrying passengers and a crew of four added off a runway tonight during a landing at LaGuardia Airport. There were no injuries.

The four-engine Capital Airlines plane, inbound from Detroit, blew one tyre in the mid but did not overturn. Airport fire apparatus and ambulances raced to the plane as it came to a halt, but they were not needed. The plane stopped on a service road a short distance from the end of the runway, but still within the confines of the airport.

Airline officials tentatively attributed the mishap to a wet runway.

Pflimlin Hits Back At Corsica Plotters

London, May 25.

Radio Algiers said tonight that an Algeria-style "Committee of Public Safety" had been set up in the French island of Tahiti, in the Pacific.

Colonel Lacheroy, Head of Public Information in Algeria said Public Safety Committees were being formed in various parts of the French Union—Toulouse, Noumea, Tahiti, French Equatorial Africa and French West Africa.

The atmosphere was changing in metropolitan France and things were developing fast, he said.

A Paris message said the French cabinet decided tonight to take criminal and disciplinary sanctions against all government employees and troops who took part in the Corsican revolt.

The government announced that it is tabling a bill to deprive of his mandate any member of Parliament who seeks to remove a part of French territory from the authority of the State.

Sea and air communications with Corsica have been suspended for "security reasons" it added. The government also approved the setting up of censorship in news agencies, newspapers, and periodicals as well as radio stations.

The Prime Minister, M. Pierre Pflimlin, will tonight report to the National Assembly on the whole series of measures taken by the Government.

Tunisia

The Foreign Minister and Defence Minister reported to the cabinet on various clashes which took place in South Tunisia and the measures taken to "ensure the security of French units there."

The French Government has protested to the Tunisian government over these incidents.

Salan's Message

General Raoul Salan has sent an envoy to President Rene Coty in Paris asking for a de Gaulle Government to be set up in France, a spokesman of the All-Algeria Public Safety Committee said here today.

He said the envoy was M. Robert Abdesselam, a member of the Committee and principal secretary to its President M. Sid Cara.

Meanwhile it is reported that a Public Safety Committee was set up today in Bastia, the only town in Corsica which did not yet have one.

Its joint Presidents are M. Paolo Negroni, assistant Major of Bastia, and Major Mattel, a veteran of the Indochina war.

Visit To Corsica

Algerian Infantry stationed at Bastia, riot police and municipal police were occupying public buildings and guarding key points such as the gasworks. Paratroopers occupied Bastia airport.

A spokesman of the All-Algeria Committee of Public Safety said the committee was

Race For Space US Programme Reported Bogged Down

New York, May 25.

The New York Times reported today in a front page Washington despatch that the United States space programme has become "bogged down."

The newspaper said that nearly eight months after the dawn of the space age, "the United States still has no firm programme, organisation or funds for the race into space with the Soviet Union."

The newspaper claimed that the official decision had been made on whether the United States should even accept the Soviet challenge.

CONCLUSIONS

It said it had drawn its conclusions from interviews with high civilian and military officials. "The space programme has become bogged down in organisational dispute, technical evaluations, and re-evaluations, multiplying by the day," it said. "It is compounded by an underlying public and official apathy," China Mail Special.

FRENCH BID TO STOP REVOLT

Paris, May 25.

The Pflimlin Government strained every nerve today to halt the spread of a Gaullist insurrection to Metropolitan France.

The revolt in favour of Gen. Charles de Gaulle has already engulfed Algeria and Corsica. It threatened today to leapfrog to the very heart of France itself.

Plea For Calm

Officials in Marseilles—home of thousands of Corsican-born Frenchmen—banned all public demonstrations and appealed for calm.

So far there were no reports of the organisation of "Committees of Public Safety" in Metropolitan France except in Perpignan and Toulouse, and they were apparent failure. In Perpignan the Committee was reported to have failed to attract support and was dissolved on the Prefect's orders.

In Toulouse, the Committee never showed its face though four mysterious bombs went off in the offices of right-wing political organisations.

Police Rushed

It was later announced that the Interior Minister, M. Jules Moch, had sent riot police reinforcements today to the French Riviera towns of Toulon, Frejus, Marseilles and Nice to stand by in case of disorders.

Police sources said tonight that a special edition of the official Communist newspaper L'Humanite had been seized.

A variety of police stood by outside L'Humanite building, where six shutters closed every entrance.

The seized edition was reported to have called for "anti-Fascist action" by the working classes.

Broadcast

M. Pflimlin went on the air this morning and told his countrymen, "I do not have the right to hide from you the fact that the danger of insurrection exists in metropolitan France as well."

"The insurrectionaries are trying to drag us downhill to civil war," U.P.I. & Reuter.

The Colonel said Metropolitan France was under a dictatorship. He said all key parts of amateur radios in France were removed today.

Asked about events in Corsica he said: "It is a great day—another step towards certain victory."

There had been too much hesitation and compromise in Europe and America. "Now the issue is clear. It is we Christians on one side and the Communists on the other."

Asked why it was impossible to telephone to Corsica, the Colonel pointed out that the telephone cable to Corsica goes by way of Marseilles.

Asked how Algiers communicated with Corsica he said: "There is always the radio."

Nightly Broadcast

He said a nightly broadcast by Radio Algiers was put out with increased power. This broadcast is called "Honneur and Homeland" ten million Frenchmen (the Moslems and European population of Algeria) speak to you."

Tonight an enthusiastic crowd gathered before the Government building to celebrate events in Corsica.

"Honour and Homeland" was the name of a programme to Europe by the wartime Free French radio.

One of the personal messages put out over Radio Algiers today said: "The bottle of muscadel has arrived. We will drink it tomorrow." The message was repeated several times.

Agencies.

Best Tips For Today's Valley Races

By "Rapier"

RACE 1
Marine Charger
Amusement
Applause
Outsider—Snowy.

RACE 2

Good Girl
Tell-me-more
Blondie
Outsider—So Big.

RACE 3

Grace
Lal Golab
Gemini
Outsider—Tabitha T.

RACE 4

Alahdale
Mercury
Midjet
Outsider—Welcome.

RACE 5

Minerva
Miss Reading
Noble Prize
Outsider—Pathfinder.

RACE 6

Night People
Red Light
Shiraz
Outsider—Winsome Stag.

RACE 7

Lucky Number
Star of Stars
Pin-Pin
Outsider—Maytime.

RACE 8

Hyalmon
Winning Streak
Precious Gem
Outsider—Strathvohr.

RACE 9

Glamour Girl
Our Pride
Tai Ping Shan
Outsider—Oscar Prize.

RACE 10

Millie Way
Golden Branch
Strathvan
Outsider—Vinget Et Un.

The Turf's Progressive Places

Race 3—Eunice; Race 4—Alahdale; Race 7—Lucky Number.

TODAY'S TEASER TIP

For Race 8
This one should be set for victory.
Our Teaser Tip for the last meeting "This one could be a hamlet and we don't mean village" (Norso Prince) came second and paid \$7.10.

Secret Of British Rocket Is Out

By CHAPMAN PINCHER

London, May 25. Britain is developing a giant rocket called Black Knight to solve the problem of re-entering the earth's atmosphere without burning up, says the U.S. Journal Aviation Week.

"Captivity tests" of Black Knight are to be staged at a remote location on the Isle of Wight, the journal states. Full-scale firings will be carried out at Woomera in the Australian desert.

RESPONSIBLE

The journal names Saunders-Roe as the firm responsible for developing and building Black Knight.

It also claims that the official code name for the 2,000-mile range H-bomb-carrying rocket being developed by de Havilland Propellers is Blue Streak.

CODE NAMES

Official code names are top secret, because they are used in documents and signals between British and the Woomera range. In newspaper reports, the rocket has been called by the cover name Big Feller.

If Aviation Week's disclosures are correct, the code names of these rockets will have to be changed immediately.

Express

HONGKONG'S WHITSUN HOLIDAY

Hongkong residents, taking advantage of the Whitsun holiday flocked to the beaches to make the most of blue skies and high temperatures.

All buses plying between town and the New Territories are full while trains are crowded with school children. Many drove cars out to popular beach resorts.

Pleasure launches took others to the Colony's many bays, for a day's swimming or fishing.

Big crowds also made their way to Happy Valley for the last day of racing this summer. The weatherman says that there will be light, variable winds blowing. The day will be fair or fine.

Four Worried Arab Sheikhs Fly To London

Aden, May 25.

Four worried Arab sheikhs today prepared to fly to find out just what their British protectors intend to do about attempts to stir up revolt among their followers.

They are worried up over persistent frontier raids by Yemen-based bandits and by attempts to subvert their tribesmen with bribes of money and guns.

Three of the sheikhs are leaving here on Monday. They are Sherif Hussein, ruler of Belhan, Sultan Ahmed Bin Abdullah of Fadhill, and Amir Shamsul of Daula. Sultan Saleh Bin Hussein of Adulha is scheduled to depart on June 5.

HARD-HIT

These rulers are dependent upon British backing and are hardest hit by frontier fighting and alleged Yemeni attempts to browbeat their tribes into revolt.

In London their hope is to talk to as many Labour Party Members of Parliament as possible. They are particularly anxious to know just what Labour will stand on the issue should they come into power in the next elections.

The sheikhs' power rests on Britain's willingness to carry out treaties less than ten years old. While their visit to London will be unofficial, they hope to meet with Colonial Secretary, Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd. One subject they will raise, well-informed sources claim, is the formation of a federation of sheikhdoms and sultanates in the next elections.

Women's Bid To Scale Mountain

Katmandu, May 25.

The Nepal Government today granted permission to a team of British women to climb the 26,867-foot Mount Cho Oyu from September to December this year.

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LEBANON ARMY UNITS HIT

Machines To Replace Human Organs?

WASHINGTON, May 25.—One of America's foremost electronic pioneers today forecast the possible use of electronic devices to replace defective kidneys, lungs and hearts.

In an address prepared for the World Congress of Gastroenterology here, Brigadier-General David Sarnoff, board chairman of the Radio Corporation of America, said: "Admittedly, the idea is fantastic."

But, as the marvels of electronics unfold, the line between fantasy and fact is even harder to define.

He said artificial hearts, lungs, and kidneys had already been used in hospital operations "formerly considered imprudent, if not impossible."

"Inevitably," he added, "one wonders whether the use of these artificial organs need forever to be restricted to the operating room."

General Sarnoff also promised sensational improvements in devices for the use of people with amputated limbs.

"The outlook—though as yet only a hope—is for equipment which, attached to the stumps of an amputated limb or to some other part of the anatomy, will actuate and control movements of an artificial leg, arm, or even fingers with acceptable precision," he said.—China Mail Special.

'Dog Stop' That Didn't Stop Dogs

Nuernberg, May 25.—Two Swiss businessmen whose patented "dog stop" didn't stop dogs were given jail terms.

Dog stop is a preparation to be smeared dog-proof on walls of buildings. Its smell is supposed to force dogs to seek other facilities.

The court said that although the preparation was advertised as keeping dogs away for a time, it lost its effect in a matter of days.

INDIRECTLY Dog stop was only indirectly connected with the 10 and 14-month jail terms given to the men. They were convicted of skipping hotel bills when word got around that dogs did not fear the compound and business went bad.

The court did not release the names of the men sentenced. The first was Otto Stora and the second was a company of Solothurn, Switzerland.—United Press.

Turkish Floods

Istanbul, May 25.—The death toll in floods which devastated the Conkiri District of Turkey near Ankara today stood at 31.

First reports listed only 20 victims but 11 more bodies were discovered later, and a heavier toll was expected to be announced after relief workers finished checking in the area.

President Celal Bayar arrived at the scene today from Ankara. The floods were caused by heavy rains that caused rivers to burst over their banks.—United Press International.

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BACK AT REBELS

America Wants Unrestricted Travel In Russia

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The United States has called on Russia to open up the entire Soviet Union to American travelers in return for unrestricted travel by Russians in this country, the State Department disclosed today.

The Department said, in a note delivered to the Russian Embassy, that the United States would be glad to drop all limitations on Russian travel here if the Soviets would follow suit. The note was sent to the Embassy on Thursday and made public today.

FAR-REACHING

If Russia does not want to take such a far-reaching step now, the Department proposed that the Soviets at least ease some restrictions on American travelers on a reciprocal basis.

The note was the latest in a long series of U.S. attempts to get Russia to agree to freedom of travel in the Soviet Union. Both Russia and the United States now keep about a third of their territory closed to citizens of the other country.—United Press International.

Third Goring In Eight Days

Madrid, May 25.—Rafael Martin Vigar, 27, a "novillero" or bull-fighter of the junior class better known by his nickname of "El Zorro" (The Fox), was gored by a bull in the Barcelona bull ring today and died of his wounds in the bull ring infirmary tonight.

He had killed his first bull and had just thrust his sword into his second when it gored him in the stomach.

It was the third goring in a Spanish bullfight within the past eight days, and the first in which the bullfighter has died.

The famous matador, Antonio Bienvenida, was gored in a bullfight a week ago Saturday, and on Thursday the young matador, Rafael Jimenez, was severely gored in the leg in Madrid while preparing for the kill.—China Mail Special.

SANG NURSERY RHYMES TO KEEP ALIVE

Shetfield, May 25.—Nursery rhymes saved the lives of two small children.

Valerie Deakin, five, and her sister Susan, two, were suffering from the effects of a sleeping drug given to them by their mother when ambulance men arrived at their home here.

Mrs Edith Deakin 30, was unconscious. Police said she had apparently tried to kill herself and her children.

While an ambulance roared through the city's streets with the children inside, male nurse Harry Noble sang nursery rhymes to the children.

"Sing with me," he said. Sleepily, they responded. Noble had not kept them awake they would have died. Both were reported "under treatment."—United Press.

A Brother Makes All The Difference

London, May 25.—GIRLS are less likely to become unmarried mothers if they have a brother, an official survey showed last week.

Cybil Greenfield, a psychiatrist who compiled the report for the National Council for the unmarried mother and her child, said 32,600 girls applied to the Council for aid last year.

The number increases by about seven per cent each year, he said, but of the 32,600 nearly half have no brothers.

"This may have a lot to do with their tragedy," he said. "A young woman without brothers, lacking the wider experience they bring to a family, might be handicapped in her relations with men, and would be more susceptible to seduction."

Half the girls who gave birth to children out of wedlock last year were in jobs which took them away from home. In 640 cases where parents know of the case, only 197 refused to help their daughters.—United Press.

POP

I THINK I'LL GO TO THE REGIMENTAL REUNION, THIS YEAR

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THE CHAPS WOULD LIKE TO SEE ME

WELL, REMIND THEM AGAIN OF ALL THE HORRORS OF WAR

ATTACK LAUNCHED ON THREE FRONTS

Atomic Secrets Veto Power For Congress

Beirut, May 25.—Lebanese armed forces today launched offensives against rebel troops on three different fronts it was officially announced here tonight.

An Army communique released news of three battles and claimed successes in two of them. The third was still raging it said.

The first battle was fought in north Lebanon near the Syrian frontier where rebels had been in occupation of the town of Halba.

After a battle lasting three hours, the communique said, the rebels were driven out of the town and were chased to the mountains beyond the town.

Heavy Losses They suffered heavy losses and the Army drove them out of the town.

The second major front was at Baalbek, in north-east Lebanon, which rebels occupied two days ago after burning down Government buildings.

Here, the Army struck at dawn today after giving an ultimatum.

The third battle was being continued at Rishshah, northeast Lebanon.

The communique made no mention of Lebanese losses in today's fighting.

First Time It is the first time during the present crisis that the Army has been in offensive action on such a large scale.

Today's offensives follow the arrival in Lebanon of considerable quantities of arms and equipment flown in and supplied by several countries including the United States.

The latest consignment to arrive was from Cyprus on board an RAF Beverley which landed at a military airfield yesterday.

Although the communique made no mention of it, reliable reports in Beirut today said Lebanese jet fighters gave air support during the battles in which armoured cars were also reported to have been used.—Reuter.

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Buganda King's Peace Feeler To The Church

By JOHN REDFERN



King Fredde

Kampala. THE Kabaka of Buganda, ruler of nearly 1,000,000 Africans, is making "peace feelers" to Anglican Church leaders who were shocked by reports that he was considering ending his marriage to his stylish young queen, Damali, so that he could wed her younger sister Sarah Kisosonkole.

First thing he did when he returned from an official visit to the Sudan was to drive to Namirembe Anglican Cathedral—where he was married and crowned—and take part in a thanksgiving service.

Damali was not with him. But his appearance in the hilltop cathedral, centre for the 200,000 Anglican Christians in the country, is taken by Church people as implying that the Kabaka has finished his "flirtation" with the Moslems.

When it was reported that he was considering separation from Damali, a story circulated in Kampala that he intended to embrace the Moslem religion, which has 100,000 adherents in Buganda.

The rumour gained force when King Fredde went on a 10-day visit to the Sudan, accompanied by his uncle, Prince Badru, a Moslem leader.

His crisis

So far, the young ruler has ignored suggestions from both British and Africans that he should kill the rumour concerning Sarah and clarify the situation.

But his prompt attendance at the cathedral, abated the fears of Church leaders, some of whom were fearful of a crisis if their leading layman were to "go over" to Islam.

If the Kabaka lapsed from Christianity he would certainly take with him the faithful pro-Kabaka element in the Anglican congregations.

The Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr Geoffrey Fisher), who is Metropolitan of the Uganda Church, still waits for formal assurances from King Fredde.

about his continuing loyalty to the Church.

But there are signs that the Kabaka has got over his own crisis. He was glum, withdrawn, nervous before he went off to the Sudan.

He has returned smooth and smiling. He is a languid young man, but he eagerly answers the greetings of the crowds of Kabaka fans who wait for every public appearance.

"It is quite like old times," they say in Kampala, as they get a quick smile from their slight, immaculately suited ruler.

It is not, really. These days, Queen Damali is never at her husband's side when he attends public functions. She remains in the Mengo Palace behind the elephant grass enclosure.

Like Dr Fisher, she is in the dark about the future.

In different set of apartments at the palace her sister Sarah lives quietly too.

The Stork Dries Up A Darts Dinner

By PETER WHALEY

London. GEORGE WOODWARD, the part-time barman at the Saracen's Head, was pulling a pint when he got the news: "You're a father. Your wife has had a nine-and-a-half-pound boy."

Upstairs in the ballroom, the Darts League Annual Dinner was going on.

Twenty-six-year-old George, of Southwell, Nottinghamshire, tilted his head and listened for calls for beer. As he heard were the after-dinner speeches.

Perhaps, he thought, he could just dash home and see his son. He would fit it in between the speeches and the drinking session following after all, a man didn't have a son every day.

20 MINUTES

So George hung up his glass cloth and slipped smartly home, where he kissed his wife, looked at his son, agreed, "Yes, we'll call him Timothy," and raced back to his bar.

It took just 20 minutes.

But the 70 thirsty dart throwers had grown thirstier and more impatient while George was out. So finally they all walked out to the public-house opposite, talking with them the entertainers they had booked for the evening.

And by the time George got back they had all gone.

But hotel managers Mrs. Clara Hoskins, herself a grandmother, understood.

She said later: "He wanted to see his new baby and I can imagine his excitement. I'm very glad he went home like he did."

KRUGLOV BEATS THE RACKETEERS

Moscow.

BY gum, there's a scandal. At Gum! Moscow buzzes. Racketeers in Russia's most famous shop, which stands in Red Square opposite the Kremlin, have been buying themselves cars out of money fiddled from the customers.

The whole sad conspiracy has been unveiled by an assiduous investigator and former employee of the shop by the name of Vasily Kruglov.

The racket was gloriously simple. Says the newspaper Izvestia, reporting the scandal: "Gloomy, third-quality stuff arrives at the store's warehouse."

"Warehouse racketeers, seeing no strangers around, label the stuff first quality and pass it on to the sales people. The difference resulting from the regrading is pocketed by the racketeers according to their position and merit."

NEW MACHINE

Back in 1954, Vasily Kruglov invented a new "bill machine" to stop the racket and repair the holes in the net.

This machine, says Izvestia, "pounced on the two-legged warehouse rats as effectively as a rat-trap whenever they put their hands in the customers' pockets."

"The bookkeepers approved. It made their work easier. But, at this point, Kruglov's boss in Gum's machine—calculating station and a deputy chief bookkeeper—came forward and claimed the invention was theirs also."

"The prize that Kruglov had been awarded was now split three ways. This unit then wrote a magazine article describing the Kruglov machine and not even mentioning him."

NEW ORDER

"The director of Gum, Comrade Kamenov, and the trade union committee of the shop were surprisingly calm in accepting his exile," says Izvestia.

"Soon the inventor and his machine were forgotten in Gum."

But Kruglov was resolute and persistent. He had his machine tested by the magazine Inventor and the Research Institute of Trade and Public Catering.

Excellent references followed. The Committee on Inventions declared Kruglov the inventor.

"So now," says Izvestia, "do away with bookkeepers using the abacus. Put Kruglov's machines in all department stores. You will save millions in economies."

But so far only the workers of the Pushkin

Co-op are using the machine; this "blow against the knights of regrading."

LATEST ON MARGOT

London. DAME MARGOT FOUNTAIN, 84th birthday in London talked about the rumours that she is planning to retire.

"I just said that I would have to retire sometime," she said. "That doesn't have to be now, does it?"

"Babies! I absolutely refuse to discuss it. It is a private matter between my husband and myself."

Rumour had it that Dame Margot, now at the peak of her career as a dancer, had decided to leave the stage after this season, at her husband's request, to start a family.

A Weekly China Mail Feature

Aga Khan Money Surprise Hundreds Of Millions? They Never Existed

By ARTHUR BRITTENDEN

London.

I CAN reveal that the late Aga Khan left far less money than anyone imagined. As a result his family—among them his son, Aly Khan—may be faced with heavy financial problems.

Reports have put the estate of the Aga—who was 79 when he died last July—at anything up to £200 million. They are wildly off the mark.

The truth is that his assets round the world were no more than £5,000,000.

Out of this, death duties levied at different levels in different countries would normally be expected to slice away around £2,000,000.

But in the Aga's case his estate may be slashed much more severely.

For India's Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, is seeking to grab millions of pounds in back-tax out of what the Aga left.

Vicious cut

Success for Mr. Nehru would land a vicious cut on the money left available for the Aga's heirs. In his will the Aga laid down that his estate should be divided into three parts.

One part was earmarked to



The late Aga Khan

any legacies and duties.

The other two parts were to be split among his widow, the Begum (she took one-eighth), and his two sons, Aly and Sadrudin (each to take half of the remaining seven-eighths).

That would have put Aly and Sadrudin in line to inherit something like £1,000,000 each from their father.

But, if Premier Nehru's tax-raid succeeds, they will be faced instead with a crushing burden. Before his father's death, Aly agreed to pay 100,000 dollars (about £38,750) a year for 14

years to a fund for Yasmin, daughter of his former marriage to film star Rita Hayworth.

Today he is facing a court action in the United States brought by Miss Hayworth. She claims he has not paid her legal expenses for arranging for Yasmin to visit him in France in 1955. The sum involved is £1,000.

Money freeze

The Begum too has financial trouble on her hands. Her money in Egypt has been frozen until a dispute is settled with a contractor who built the Aga's mausoleum there.

The Aga's advisers are still working out exactly how much he did leave.

But by now they have a clear enough picture for it to be stated confidently that he was nowhere near being one of the world's wealthiest men.

As their reckoning goes on, it adds fresh confirmation to what the Aga admitted in his own lifetime. That some of the "grandiose estimates" of his money-worth were so inaccurate that "not one eighth but two at the end should be knocked off."

In England—where the public built up a picture of the Aga as a man fabulously rich from race-course coups—he left a little over £500,000. His only property—an hotel converted into a centre for followers of the Ismaili Moslems.

From such an estate as the Aga left here, death duty would

normally cut away 70 per cent.

In Eire, home of some of his finest bloodstock, his assets have totalled not more than £100,000. And death duty will be charged on that at 41 per cent.

The Aga had other property and investments in Switzerland and Africa.

But the biggest part of what he willed his heirs is in India. That is why the Nehru threat could strike so vitally at the final value of the Aga's estate—and shatter the popular idea of the Aga as a paladin—among men of riches.

This idea was built up on the belief that when the Aga's followers put him on the scales against his own weight in diamonds and platinum they were offering these tributes to him personally.

Not known

The offerings were purely symbolic. With the money the Aga had to build schools, hospitals, and social centres for his people. He then collected the rents for these buildings.

The late Aga's grandson, Karim, who inherited the title, must continue to maintain these properties.

What the late Aga may have settled on Karim (son of Aly Khan by his former marriage to Mrs. Joan Guinness) before he died is not known.

But from his grandfather's will Karim collects not a penny.

BEGUM CARRIES ON THE FIGHT AGAINST NEHRU

From DONALD WISE, Srinagar.

THE "Brute of Kashmir," who keeps order for Premier Nehru in his puppet State, beamed at me from among the roses in his pretty bay window. "I have had special canes made for my policemen to use on boy rioters," he said.

"They are polo mallets with the heads sawn off." And that explains why the sullen Moslems of Kashmir (77 per cent of the population) call Mehra Sahib the "Brute."

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Little gestures like this are not appreciated by the three million cowed Kashmiris, however. Nor is Nehru's 50,000-strong garrison in full battle order.

Gurkha soldiers trot through the fields of poppies in the lovely Vale of Kashmir and the voice of the cuckoo is drowned by the engines of Sherman tanks.

Given a plebiscite, the Kashmiris would vote themselves independent or into Pakistan. Nehru has steadfastly refused them one.

Although there is no one intent to condemn British rule in the West when their strategic needs are in question, Nehru sits firmly on the back of Kashmir because he needs it—strategically.

He thinks that if independent the State would be grabbed by Russia or China, which march with it.

If Kashmir voted itself into Pakistan he fears it would set a precedent for other Moslem claims elsewhere in India. Nehru is staying in Kashmir for keeps.

Nehru's orders to handsome Mehra Sahib are: "There must be no trouble. People must not even start thinking of trouble."

But the Begum Abdullah, wife of Sheikh Abdullah (the Lion of Kashmir), whom Nehru rearrested a fortnight ago, told me: "In the police interrogation centres Sikhs strip suspects and iron their bare flesh with red-hot irons."

She is allowed no contact with her husband and does not know where he is being held. "The Indians are doing their best to win over the people. Food and money pour in. Troops are kept mainly out of the villages and are well behaved."

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Nehru

"They jump on people's chests to make them confess they are in the pay of the Indian. I have seen men stagger back bleeding and broken."

The Begum is carrying on the fight where the "Lion" has left off. Her phone is tapped, she says, and her mail is held up.

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Sweetheart Of Kai Tak Now In Fifth Avenue

By DAVID T. K. WONG

New York.

IN the plush New York headquarters of BOAC works Henrietta Wou, the girl who for nearly five years was the Sweetheart of Kai Tak and whose winning smile had greeted thousands of travellers flying to and from Hongkong.

Henrietta had worked as a ground hostess for Hongkong Airways for nearly five years before she came here towards the end of 1950 to win friends and charm passengers for BOAC week."

But now she has been given a desk job in the Commercial Planning and Tariffs Department, and I waited to know why such a charming Chinese girl is being hidden under a bush.

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Henrietta's office overlooks fashionable Fifth Avenue, that street of dreams full of exclusive shops and impressive skyscrapers, well-dressed men and bright, beaming women.

Henrietta is a former student of Sacred Heart School. She is

fourth in a family of seven daughters, five of whom work for international airlines. With the exception of one sister in London, all of them are in New York.

Apart from cooking, Henrietta has reading as a hobby. She reads an average of two novels a week.

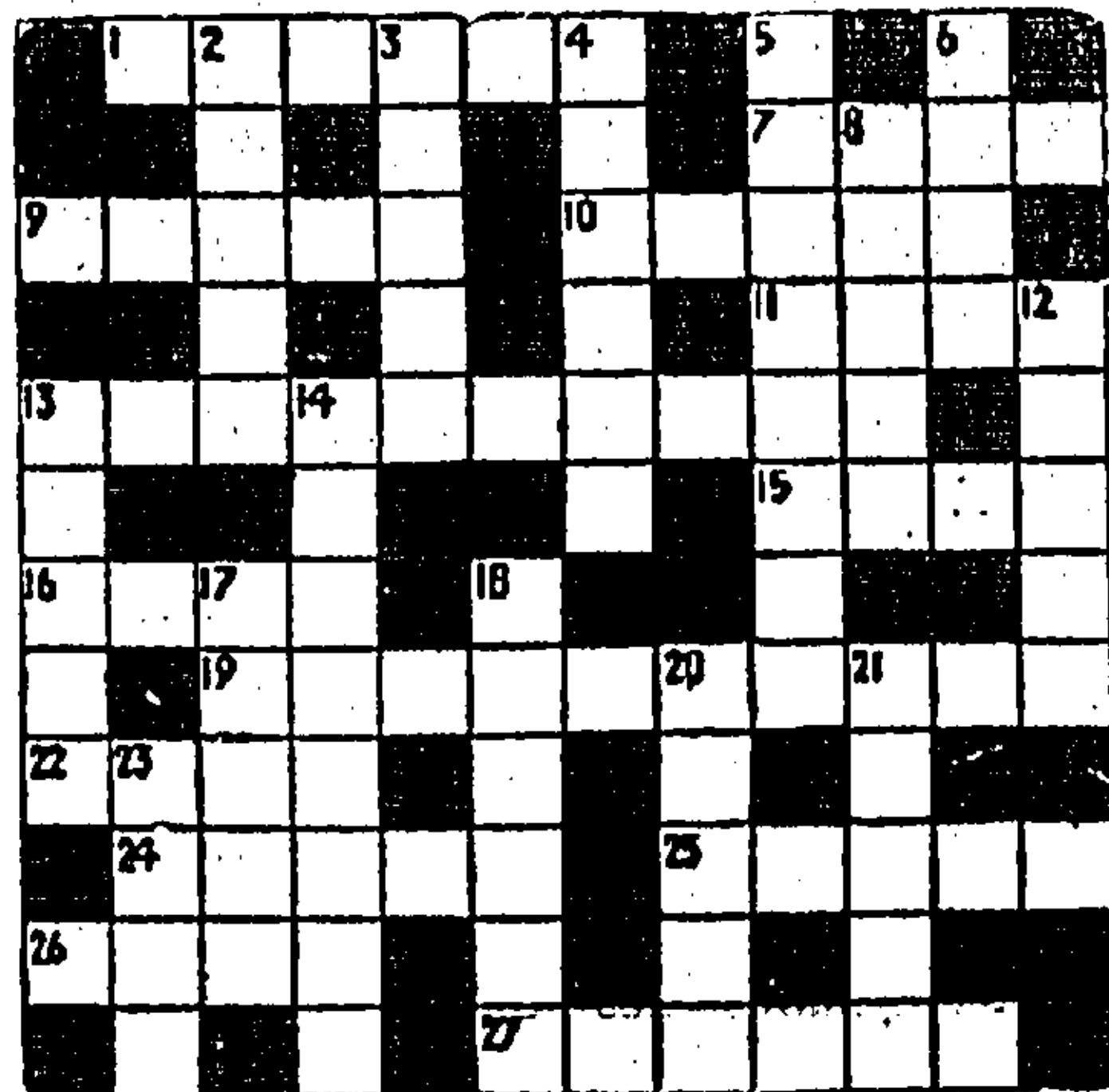
She is at present planning to study foreign languages and child psychology at night school. "I think I can get a degree and be qualified to teach if I should ever want to do so."

Apart from working for BOAC, Henrietta has also done some high fashion modelling, helping to popularise some of the dresses one sees on Fifth Avenue.

Four of the Wou sisters are now married, and in case anybody in Hongkong is carrying a torch for Henrietta, I've got to say for her, Henrietta Wou is to be married too "in the near future."

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A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Soul up (6).
- 7 Bently quarters (4).
- 9 Couple to support (5).
- 10 Church doctrine, perhaps (3, 3).
- 11 Noble title (4).
- 13 Soldiers of the Queen (10).
- 15 Is twice in the river (4).
- 16 Record of Scotland (4).
- 19 Where people live (10).
- 22 A journey to make one stumble (4).
- 24 A team's remark (5).
- 25 Parcel out (5).
- 26 Client's right (4).
- 27 Yourself (6).

DOWN

- 2 Gallant redskin (5).
- 3 Here's a letter at last (5).
- 4 Whopper a golfer dislikes (5).
- 5 Foreign rebel perhaps (5).
- 6 Teller of "4," maybe (4).
- 8 A large amount of hoard (5).
- 12 Hoax over (5).
- 13 Occupant of a haunted house (5).
- 14 They're put up to be knocked down (8).
- 17 Get on one's feet (5).
- 18 Sunday plangers (5).
- 20 A supporter of art (5).
- 21 Elevating blind (5).
- 23 Sleepers support it (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Haggle, 4 Snake, 7 Galley (proof), 8 Gross, 10 Skis, 12 Article, 15 Villa, 16 Area, 17 Abel, 19 Image, 20 Survive, 21 Earn, 23 Dyers, 24 Action, 25 Anode, 26 Motors, 27 Down: 1 High Seas, 2 Gulliver, 3 Lion, 5 Marriage, 6 Curlew, 9 Frame, 11 Silvered, 12 Alive, 13 Creative, 14 Springs, 15 Bunyan, 22 Ace.

IT COULD BE YOU!

"THIS is appalling," said a London magistrate. He meant the fact that an innocent man had almost been picked out by a witness from a police identity parade.

For six days, 24-year-old Londoner Frederick Huggonson lay under the shadow of the law until incontrovertible proof of his innocence was brought before a court.

Huggonson was released immediately, and everyone concerned drew a breath of relief that a miscarriage of justice had been avoided.

But London's "Daily Express" did not want to leave it there.

On the heels of the Huggonson case, it set out to prove the dangerous weakness of identity parades.

A reporter was sent into a chemist's shop. He spent 55 seconds at the counter buying dangerous weed-killer, an unusual purchase, gave the assistant every chance to take in his appearance.

One hour later the assistant from the chemist's shop was asked to pick his customer from an identity line-up of Express staffers.

After close scrutiny he picked on editorial assistant Henry Eickhoff who is 49. He ignored 30-year-old reporter Ian Aitken who had bought the weed-killer.

Next day, the Daily Express published pictures of Aitken and Eickhoff, two men you would think it impossible to confuse.

The Express conceded: "Undoubtedly identity parades must play a considerable part in bringing criminals to justice. But there are obvious dangers..."

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THE ROUND-THE-WORLD SAILOR FINDS A HAVEN IN THE PARADISE ISLANDS



A stowaway fools me for six days -then I find him

● The ten-ton ketch Sea Wanderer has reached the West Indies on her romantic and exciting voyage round the world. Today comes a new report from her one-man crew.

THERE is a "Sugar Loaf" on several of the islands in the West Indies, but the most striking is in the Saintes, where a high domed lump of land unexpectedly rises up sheer out of the water and is only connected with the main island by low sandy spit studded with coconut palms.

My ten-ton ketch, Sea Wanderer, rolling lazily to the swell which worked round the island from the open Atlantic, was anchored in the bay formed by the Sugar Loaf and the next point, which was made up of great masses of rock piled one on top of the other, several of which have fallen into the sea.

by EDWARD ALLCARD

A perfect beach of white sand was easy swimming distance away and another row of palm trees grew almost out of the water. It was a paradise anchorage of surpassing beauty.

An occasional gust of wind from the heights was the only thing to remind me of the trade wind blowing outside, and the cool of the evening was welcome after the hot tropical day.

A week before I had hoisted my sails, swayed up the anchor, and beat against a light head wind out of English Harbour, Antigua (correct pronunciation ANTEGIA), bound for new landfalls in the historical and romantic Caribbean Sea.

The trap is sprung....

I HAVE not had a mouse aboard a boat since the war. That one had taken me seven days to catch, but then it had been a sophisticated town mouse and I hardly expected a similar difficulty with an animal that had probably never seen a trap in its life.

True, I had no actual mouse-trap aboard, but I considered that my rat-trap would soon finish him (or her) off. Never was I more mistaken. I was going to have company for my cruise down the islands.

Shades of Nelson....

ENGLISH HARBOUR had been my base for a good few weeks, and I had been busy repainting my ketch after her Atlantic voyage. Sea Wanderer had been moored off Nelson's old dockyard, a fascinating place where there still remains much of the old-time equipment such as the huge capstans which 150 years ago used to heave down the ships of the line when they were being refitted.

As Sea Wanderer glided out to sea, Fort Barclay, guarding the entrance now with one rusty gun and its battlements overgrown with cactus plants, gradually shut off the dockyard from view.

Fort Barclay is reputed to be haunted too. No dog can be persuaded to enter the former powder house.

Wind! What does it matter?

BUT my thoughts were far from ghosts. The sun shone hot and sparkling on the sea. What did it matter that the normal trade wind had been checked, temporarily by an equinoctial storm far to the north?

If the wind did not suit for sailing south to the next island, French Guadeloupe, then there were several beautiful harbours to visit along the indented Antigua shore.

After slipping along close to the almost precipitous coast for an hour or two, I eased out the sheets and pointed the bowsprit for a gap in the cliffs.

Before a falling wind Sea Wanderer practically drifted into the peace of Indian Creek. This creek is very reminiscent of our own River Yealm in Devon, but it is uninhabited and nothing disturbs the silence but the sucking of the sea on the coral rock and the call of the wild birds.

It would be sacrilegious to enter such a place under power. The splash of my anchor, the rattle of chain, and the clipping of sheaves as the tanned sails came down fitted in with the hush of the general scene.

While the ketch was on the paraffin stove in preparation for tea, I opened the food locker to get out some bread.

Then I hesitated, puzzled, and picked up to examine a tomato. In three separate places it had been skinned and freshly eaten. It was not enough to mean a rat; but there was one thing

certain. I had a stowaway, a West Indian mouse which had a yen for tomatoes.

for a decade or more, and tied on a large piece of tomato with plenty of cotton. Having removed all the other tomatoes to safe place, I turned in snugly to my bunk.

I did not hear the trap go off during the night, but in the morning I went confidently to the locker and peered inside. The trap had not sprung, but every vestige of the tomato bait had disappeared.

So each evening I set the trap more and more delicately and lashed the bait on more and more securely. But in vain. Each morning I would find the tomato gone. I felt that the mouse was laughing at me.

Back comes the wind

MEANWHILE I had sailed to Green Isle with its deserted

sandy beaches and where the water is so clear that one can see the anchor and chain resting on the bottom.

Then back came the trade wind and up went my sails until I had six set, four on the mainmast and two on the mizzen, and I shaped course for the 40-mile open sea passage for the French island of Guadeloupe.

I sailed into a quiet bay after dark but the moonlight was strong enough for me to identify rows of coconut palms fringing the beach.

I hoped the mouse had been seasick. However, he ate the bait again.

On the next day, in light variable winds under the lee of the island, I ghosted down to the capital Basse-Terre. Here I did my best to buy a mouse-

trap which would set finer than my rat-trap. They were "out of stock."

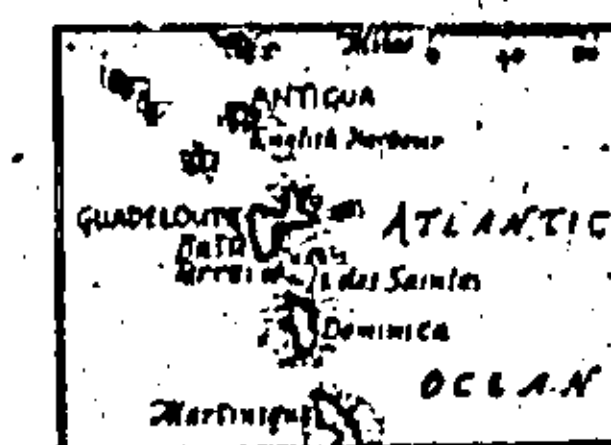
I at least learned something, the French for a mouse-trap—une sourisere.

I dream up a masterstroke

CHANGING my tactics, I bought some French nougat and baited the trap with that, on the theory that the mouse's teeth would stick in it and the resultant pull would spring the trap.

I was kidding myself. Next morning I found half the nougat licked away! I would have to think of something better than that.

The mouse and I set sail for the Saintes, a few hours away.



After tacking against the trade wind we eventually anchored off another sandy beach. I stowed the sails and dived overboard into the green water.

Refreshed by a glorious swim and drying off on deck, I dreamed up a masterstroke against the mouse. He was now getting so bold and over-confident that he would take the bait even in daylight.

Annihilated at a blow

THIS time I baited the trap with nougat but kept it wrapped in paper in which I punched a few holes with the chart dividers. The nougat was sticky in the heat. Could the mouse possibly remove the paper without springing the trap?

I was in the act of spreading butter on a French roll when "SNAP" came from the food locker.

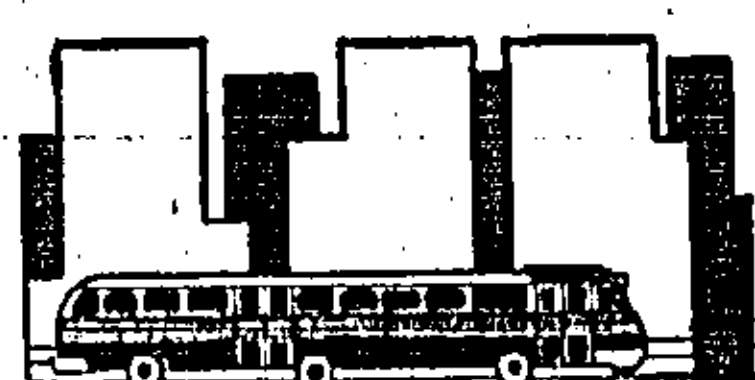
I quietly put down my knife and went to investigate.

"Got him!" I cried out jubilantly. The strong spring had given him one annihilating blow.

But it had taken me six days to catch him.

The mouse had, as I hoped, buried at sea. I could continue my cruise in peace.

Express.



WITH THE DRIVERS GETTING £28 A WEEK—AND
LOSSES TOUCHING £1,000,000 A YEAR...

There isn't any gravy in the bus business

What is being done about it? Fares have gone up, off-peak services are being trimmed. The outlook is grey.

Big cut

It is the same all over America—often much worse than in New York. "The transit industry," said one transport expert, "is a sick man. Many cities have practically lost their bus services altogether, so you travel by car or take a taxi, or stay at home and watch TV." "It won't come to that in New York—they couldn't do without a bus system. But it will be cut to the bone." Express.

ROUND-UP

Painter Annoys Les Girls

Paris. BERNARD Buffet, £40,000-a-year French painter, has made the women of Paris angry.

Buffet designed the poster for the current exhibition by 60 artists called "Parisian Women as Seen by Contemporary Artists" at the Palais Galliera Museum.

The poster is hanging on all Paris street corners. It shows two pale-faced, thin women with lank hair gazing sullenly into the street.

In the exhibition itself is a large Buffet canvas showing two of the most depressing-looking women ever seen in a Paris art show.

As Buffet is the most successful contemporary artist in France after Picasso, many other artists in the exhibition are showing similar gloomy-looking women painted in the Buffet style.

Forty of Paris's prettiest girls marched through the streets to the exhibition carrying banners denouncing Buffet and the other painters.

The banners said: "Parisian girls are not ugly," and "Are we sad and dreary?" and "Put a stop to this libel on Paris women."

Among the demonstrators were model girls from leading dress houses, film starlets, and girls who have won the titles of Miss Paris, Miss Montmartre, Miss Elegance, and Queen of Paris. Buffet, unmarried and shy, refused to comment on his luxurious four-towered chateau at Aix-en-Provence.

from J. W. M. THOMPSON

NEW YORK. I CAN offer a shred of consolation to Londoners struggling through the bus strike. Other people's buses are running into trouble, too, and basically the same sort of trouble—money trouble.

No one is likely to travel in a New York bus for the fun of it, but the passengers' plight on the hard and jolting seats is less desperate than that of the men who operate the services.

Grim crowds

New York's buses are curiously shabby for a city so pre-occupied with glossy trimmings. They are also slow and grimly crowded at rush hours, when a single dockster seating 43 people will carry almost twice that number.

But the gloomiest thing about them is that they are carrying fewer and fewer people each year and costing more and more to run.

About half of New York's system is managed by the municipality, and these buses are currently losing money at an annual rate of about £1,000,000. This drain on the taxpayers' dates from January when new pay rates were signed.

The private companies which operate the rest of the service have trouble, too. The giant Greyhound Lines, Fifth Avenue Coach Lines, has warned shareholders that at least the early part of 1958 will show a loss.

The combined bus fleets total about 6,500 vehicles—compared to about 8,400 in London.

Underprivileged

In the land of the automobile the bus is a poor relation; it looks it and the accounts underline it. When you board one, even though millions do in New York daily, you feel vaguely under-privileged.

This doesn't mean bus drivers are poor. In New York they get more than one hundred dollars (about £28) a week for an average of 45 hours' work—plus "fringe benefits" including up to four weeks paid holidays. There hasn't been a bus strike here for five years when there was a 29-day stoppage to win the five-day week now operating.

New rate

There was nearly a strike last winter when the present rates were being negotiated. The contract was signed only four hours before zero hour. Another increase of ten cents an hour has been agreed to start at the end of this year.

Even that won't make New York's drivers the highest paid. San Francisco's men are paid more, and a new rate which will bring them about eighteen shillings an hour and make them the highest paid in America. It must be said, that Englishmen have certainly seen

the drivers deserve good pay. There are no conductors. Passengers put their money into a gadget alongside the driver as they go in. This device, like a cross between a cash register and a fruit machine, needs constant attention from the driver; he has to take out the coins and feed them into another cash-register machine.

The system works because there is a flat-rate fare. You pay 15 cents whether you go one block or—the longest possible trip—10 miles.

Short haul

Until ten years ago the fare was five cents. Since then it has edged upwards.

You have to be a masochist to get your full money's worth. Still many New Yorkers do travel fair distances. One top man at City Transit Authority, which runs the municipal side of the system, complained to me recently: "Some of the stinkers sit right there to the end for 15 cents. It is the short haul which makes profit."

Downtown routes where these short trips are most frequent are known in the trade as "gravy lines"—gravy being what a London bus driver would probably call lolly.

Many foes

New York's one-day transit system dealt a blow at short-haul traffic. It discourages New Yorkers from walking a

BETTER BUT STILL NOT UP TO STANDARD

SOME REFLECTIONS ON THE 1958 COLONY BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

By OUR BOXING REPORTER

The boxing season is over. The curtain came down on active competition when the Hongkong Amateur Boxing Association staged the finals of its 1958 Championships at the Southern Playground last Friday evening.

Comparison is often useful and it is fair to say the standard of boxing was a big improvement on that shown in the 1957 event. However, even at that, it was sometimes disappointing and was not always up to the standard which really merits the Colony Championship tag. Nevertheless there was a definite upward trend and that is a step in the right direction.

The second important feature was the increased support given to the competition by the public. On Friday there was a well filled house and, while it is true the HKABA will take a long time to become 'embarassingly' rich in the restricted accommodation of the Southern Playground, the latest show of interest is a source of real encouragement to the hardworking officials of the Association.

The promotion was well staged and it is a pity that sometimes at a premium there was inadequate compensation in the courage and enthusiasm displayed by all championship contenders.

The men we shall remember longest for their performances on Friday are soldiers Bates and Nolan, ex-Paratrooper Hedges and, for a very different reason, Norman Reynolds.

Fighting Courage
The first three names will be remembered for their courage in a magnificent championship bout which is the badge of the name of the winner.

Nevertheless, I cannot leave mention of his name without saying a word or two about some aspects of his performance. Gannon was a very unlikely contender for a most competent young boxer who, barring accident, might well have had his name on a Colony Championship list today. No blame of any kind can be attached to Innes who looked most perturbed by the whole affair.

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ASIAN GAMES TENNIS RESULTS

Results of the opening tennis matches at the Asian Games yesterday were:

Men's Singles first round:
Lin Yung-yuan (China), beat R. Prasad (Ceylon), 6-2, 6-3; Fellesimo Ampon (Philippines) advanced to the second round—no scheduled opponent.

Men's Singles second round:
Bakuru Matsura (Japan), beat Lin Hec-chin (Singapore), 6-0, 6-1; Raymond Deyro (Philippines) beat Taul Wai-pui (Hongkong), 6-3, 6-1; Yoshitaka Shibata (Japan) beat Steve Lee (China), 6-1, 6-2; Suthephun Karkhehna (Thailand) beat Eun Wha-young (Korea), 6-1, 6-1.

Men's Singles second round:
D. J. Pinto (Ceylon) beat Afandellian George (Iran), 6-2, 6-2; Lee Sang-ryung (Korea) beat Navee Sudanna (Thailand), 6-4, 6-0; Miguel Dango (Philippines) beat Moses Tey Moh Beh (Malaya), 6-2, 6-2; Sard Hays (Pakistan) beat Sie Hong Loen (Indonesia), 6-0, 6-3; Dao Kwanchieu (Hongkong) beat Lin Yung-yuan (China), 6-3, 6-1; Jui Mose (Philippines) beat C. B. Pakir (Singapore), 6-0, 6-1; R. W. Ferdnande (Ceylon) beat Ip Koon-hung (Hongkong), 6-3, 6-4; Ong Chew Bee (Singapore) beat Kil In-hyung (Korea), 6-4, 7-5.

Women's Singles first round:
S. H. Samsi (Indonesia) beat Nima Piazze (Pakistan), 6-1, 4-0, 6-3; Osamu Ishiguro (Japan) beat Vo Van Thanh (Vietnam), 6-0, 6-2.

Women's Singles first round:
Liu Shung-ku (China) beat Taty Pandji (Indonesia), 6-3, 6-1; Patricia Yngyio (Philippines) beat Katherine Leong (Kam-wah), 6-3, 6-0; Tsui Yuen-yuan (Hongkong) beat Venny Dior (Indonesia), 6-3, 4-6, 6-2; Desideria Ampon (Philippines) beat Chan Shid-miane (China), 6-2, 6-2.

WON BUT WAS DISQUALIFIED



PHOTO shows the finish of Race No. 8 (Shamshulpo Handicap) at the Valley on Saturday. Vigorous Avia (No. 12), ridden by Allan Chan was the first pony to pass the finishing post, but was disqualified for crossing Miracle (No. 8) with M. Samarcq up. Miracle paid \$23.70 for a win.

One Of Greatest Fightbacks In International Tennis History

Paris, May 25.

In one of the greatest fightbacks in the history of International lawn tennis, Robert Haillet of France today beat former Wimbledon champion Budge Patty in the French Tennis Championships here after the American had led 5-0 and 40-love in the deciding match.

The determined Frenchman gradually fought his way out of the crisis, saving five match points on the way.

When he took the last two games to leave, with Patty looking a disconsolate and lonely figure on the centre court, the huge crowd exploded into one mighty roar which must have been heard in the centre of Paris, five miles away.

Haillet's wife dashed on to the court to embrace him.

Haillet saved the three match points against him with a backhand down the line and two

forhands. Each brought a roar of delight from the crowd. From then onwards he had the spectators cheering every winner he made.

Winning Backhand

Patty still looked to have the match won when he led 5-4 and 40-15. On the first match point in this game Patty missed the service ball, but Haillet put a winning backhand down the

service ball, but Haillet put a winning backhand down the line. The 28-year-old Frenchman saved the second with a smash and took the game for 5-3.

Patty's resistance was broken. He completely crumbled under the strain and he lost the next eight points in a row.

Patty, now 34, won the French title in 1950 and was seeded fourth this year. The victory of Haillet, seeded only 13th, completed a noteworthy weekend double for France, as J. Davis Cup team-mate, Pierre Darmon, eliminated another former Wimbledon champion, Jaroslav Drobny, on Saturday.

Both Frenchmen are now among the last eight.

Results

Men's Singles—Fourth Round: L. Ayala (Chile) beat N. Pietrangeli (Italy) 6-2, 6-1, 6-3, 6-1.

G. Merlo (Italy) beat A. Jancso (Slovakia) 3-6, 6-1, 7-5, 6-3.

Men's Doubles—Fourth Round: A. Cooper-N. Fraser (Australia) beat J. Javorsky (Hungary)-K. Nielsen (Denmark) 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

R. Howe (Australia)-A. Segal (South Africa) beat J. N. Grinda-J. C. Molinari (France) 3-6, 7-5, 5-7, 6-2, 6-3.

R. Krishnan-N. Kumar (India) beat J. Brichant (Belgium)-U. Schmidt (Sweden) 7-5, 6-2, 7-5.

A. Mills-R. Wilson (Britain) beat P. Darmon-P. Remy (France) 6-2, 4-6, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4.

Women's Singles—Fourth Round: Miss D. Knode (USA) beat Miss Y. Ramirez (Mexico) 4-6, 6-7, 7-5.

Miss R. Reyes (Mexico) beat Miss P. Couriel (France) 6-7, 10-8.

Miss S. Bloomer (Britain) beat Mrs M. Pelerdy (Slovakia) 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.

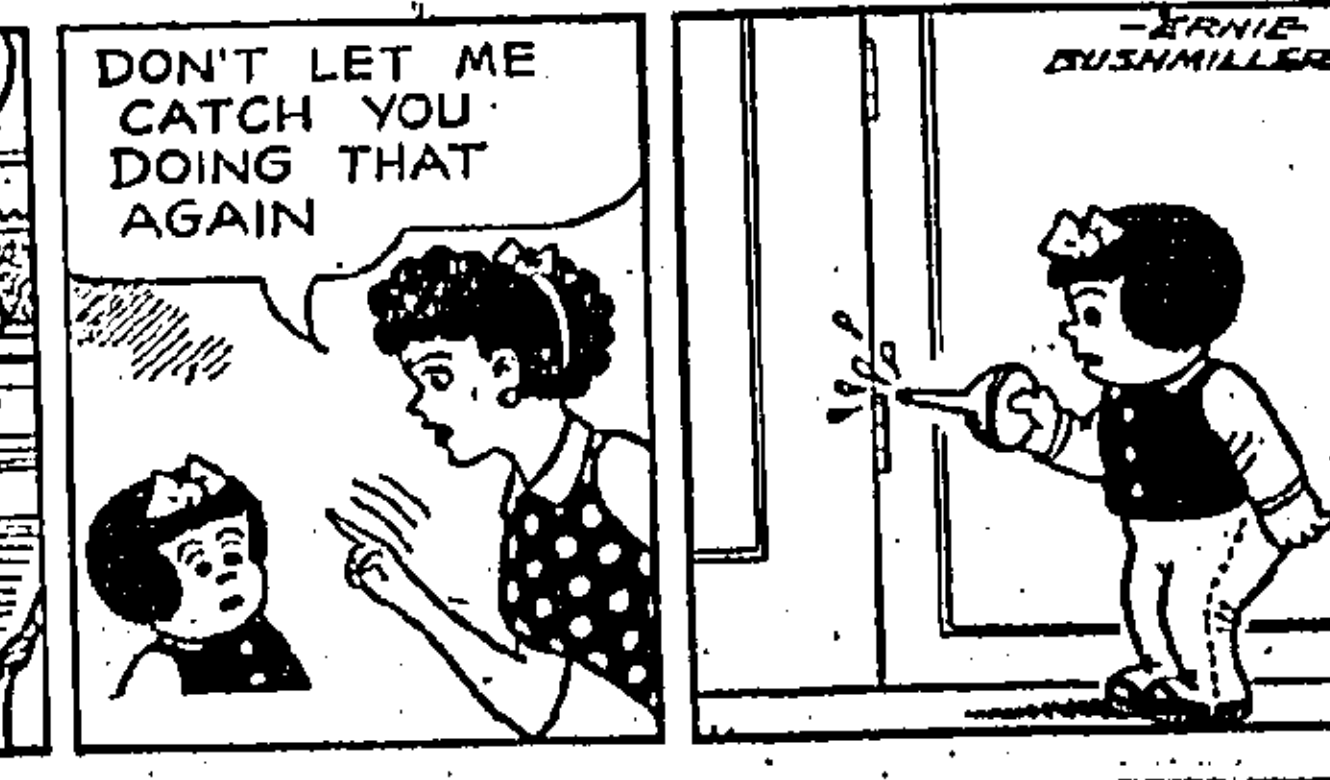
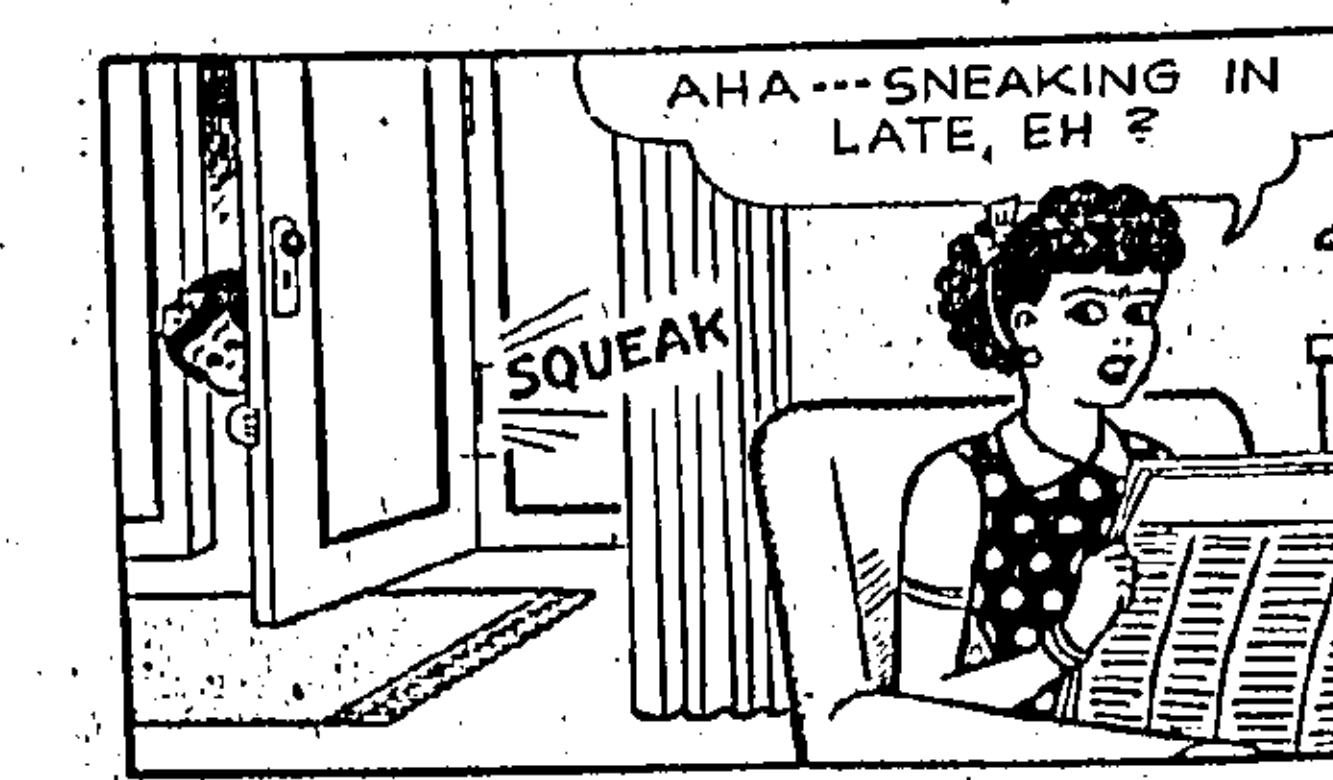
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EXCELLENT CHANCE FOR CECIL BOYD-ROCHFORD TO WIN ENGLISH CLASSIC

By Claude B. Richardson

London, May 24.
Captain Cecil Boyd-Rochford, who has never trained the winner of the Derby, looks to have an excellent chance of saddling the victor in this year's premier English classic, to be run at Epsom on June 4.

Two of Captain Boyd-Rochford's charges are currently joint favourites in the betting on the race, and in all he has four representatives.

Leading the market are American-owned Harry P. Guggenheim's Bald Eagle and Sir Humphrey de Trafford's Atelide, and the Newmarket trainer's establishing also houses two Derby candidates owned by Queen Elizabeth, Miner's Lamp and Restoration.

Bald Eagle was a hot favourite for the 2,000 Guineas, won by his stable-mate Pall Mall, but he failed badly in the Newmarket classic, shaking confidence in his chance at Epsom.

He has returned to public favour by a victory recently in the Dante Stakes at York.

Atelide, who has won eight classic races in the Derby Trial Stakes at Lingfield Park, a course closely resembling the undulating Epsom track.

Rumping home by display by an English classic aspirant this season.

Prominent Display
The race was run in the easy going which Atelide likes and he might not give nearly so prominent a display at Epsom of the going is firm. Stable hands are confident of the comparative merit of Atelide and Bald Eagle.

It is so unsure that Boyd-Rochford's jockey Harry Carr has not yet been able to decide which he will ride at Epsom, though he had the mount on both colts in their race this season.

Captain Boyd-Rochford is at last to realise his ambition of saddling the Derby winner. It is almost certain to be with one of these two colts. Miner's Lamp, formerly well fancied for the classic, failed behind the northern-trained colt Guerrillas in the Newmarket Stakes and fell from favour, and Restoration, Boyd-Rochford's remaining representative, has not yet run.

The Royal trainer, who has won nearly every important race in the English calendar for his patrons, filled one gap in his second season by taking the 2,000 Guineas for the first time. He seems to have a better chance than ever before of gaining the biggest success of all at Epsom. —China Mail Special.

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FEATURES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

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Long Ago—Finding World's Oldest Village

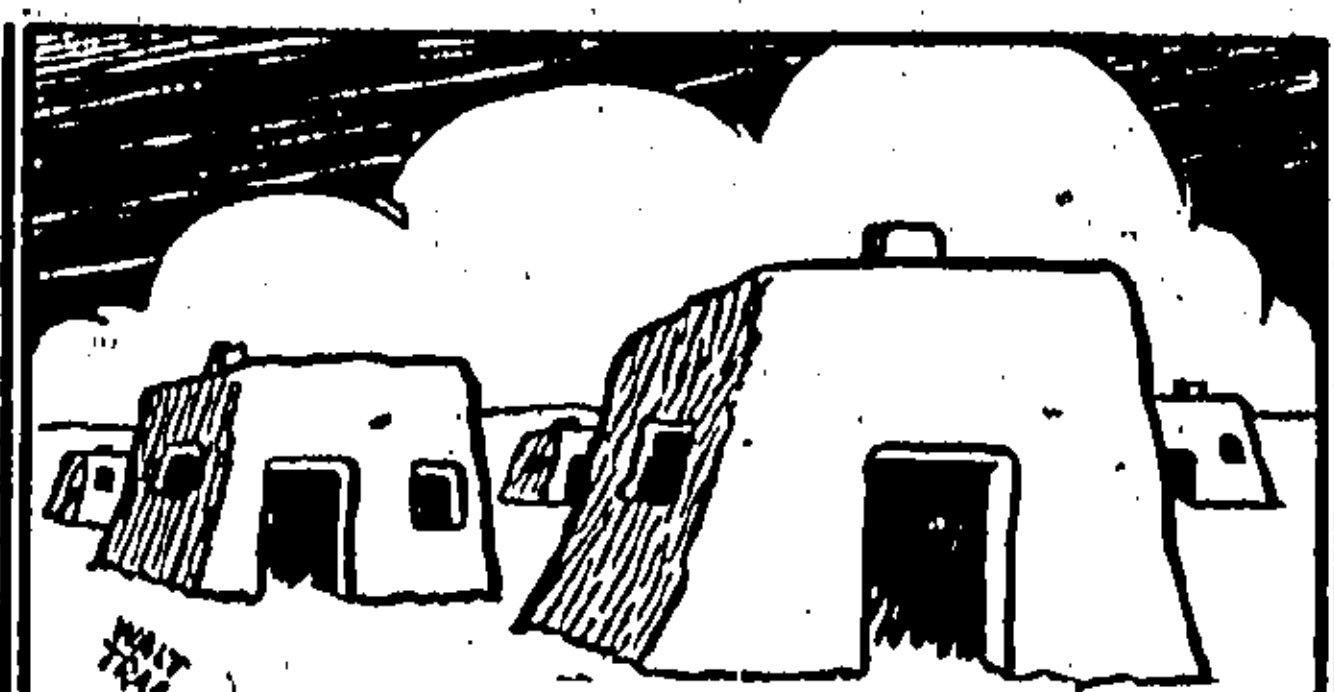
FROM time to time scientists dig up a city or town that is older than anything discovered before.

Shortly after World War II an expedition from the University of Chicago uncovered the village of Jarmo in northern Iraq. It was 7,000 years old.

This was the oldest settlement ever found whose people were farmers rather than hunters or fishers.

Jarmo is about the size of a city block and about 300 to 400 people lived there. The houses are of mud but most of them have three or four rooms. These included two bedrooms, a storage room and kitchen. The livestock was kept in the kitchen.

No metal or cloth was found in the ruins but there were plenty of animal bones and vessels of pottery and stone.



THE HOUSES ARE MADE OF MUD
WORLD'S OLDEST VILLAGE

The diggers also brought 125,000 dirt back to the United States with them. Classifying these was the job of Mrs. Robert Braidwood, wife of the expedition's head.

Crops raised were wheat and barley. A mortar for grinding

the grain was a part of every household.

Mrs. Braidwood used one of these to grind the coarse sugar she used in her Christmas baking. In Iraq it was not possible to obtain the refined sugar that we have at home.

Mrs. Braidwood was probably the first person to use this mill stone since the villagers left it there almost 7,000 years ago.

Seven thousand years is a long time and it is only six years since the expedition finished digging on this spot. But, already, we have evidence that people were raising crops before that time. Elsewhere in the world, say scientists, remains of cultivated plants have been found that are 8,000 years old. So, you see, it will be a long time before we can be sure that we've discovered the oldest civilization built by man. There are still thousands of buried towns and villages of which we know nothing.

—R. S. CRAGGS

How It Happened—They'll Never Forget 'Pip'

IN the heart of the Berkshire hill country, in Massachusetts, there is a hotel where a dear little house cat has left a warm and tender memory.

The cat's name was "Pip."

He has been dead for over 25 years, yet the people of the Williams Inn at Williamstown still like to tell of the days when their house cat went out of his way to greet all the guests.

It didn't matter whether the visitor came from the town just over the mountain, or from the other side of the world, Pip's friendly greeting was always the same. He would come quietly into the lobby, walking noiselessly on his little silken toes. When he saw a stranger, he would try to make him feel at home by rubbing his head gently against his knee, and looking up at him in the kindest way.

Everyone who came to the inn looked forward to seeing him again.



Many people remembered that Pip had been named for a very famous character in one of Charles Dickens' novels. The boy Pip was the hero of "Great Expectations," who lived in a humble home with a blacksmith named Joe Gargery.

Poor Joe Gargery had quite a hard time of it. His wife scolded him day and night, so his life was anything but cheerful. No wonder he grew very

fond of the young chap who boarded with him. He would always greet the lad with the words, "The best of friends, aren't us, Pip?" This greeting brought a warm glow to the heart of the young hero of the story.

As the boy in the Dickens novel had been greeted in that pleasant fashion, so many people, loving Pip the cat in the Williams Inn, came to think of

him in the same way Joe did of Pip.

"Ever the best of friends, aren't us, Pip?" they'd say.

Pip made so many friends that it did not seem at all strange when a man came to paint the cat's portrait. If Pip was flattered he did not show it. He tried to help William Fuller Curtis all he could. He settled himself on the window sill between two seated plants and the artist went to work.

When Mr. Curtis was done, even Pip must have been pleased with the result. The large picture, now framed, hangs in the lobby of the inn. From it the postcard in black-and-white, illustrated here, was made. Guests send these out far and wide in his memory.

Poor Pip! The time came at last when he was too old to get around. When he finally passed away on Oct. 13, 1930, he had reached the advanced age of 19 years. When a man becomes 100, he is no more celebrated than was Pip at 19, for his great age.

—PAUL V. D. HOYRADT

HANID AND PURR PURR

—It Was Useless To Try To Teach The Kitten—

By MAX TRELL

WHEN Hanid, the Shadow Girl, came into the room, she stopped suddenly, just inside the door.

"Oh dear!" she said. "Oh dear! Oh dear!"

There, in the middle of the room, was Purrr Purrr, the Black Kitten, all wound up in a ball of yarn.

It took Hanid quite a while to untangle the Kitten from all the yarn. Then it took an even longer while to get all the knots out of the yarn and to wind it neatly back on the ball.

When everything was done, Hanid sat Purrr Purrr on her lap.

And said to her in a very stern voice:

"Now listen to me carefully, Purrr Purrr. It isn't right for kittens—or for cats, either—to roll a ball of yarn around the room. Do you understand me?"

Hanid looked down at the Kitten and the Kitten looked up at the little girl. But Purrr Purrr said nothing. She just washed her face or not.

Hanid went on:

"And after you wash your face, Purrr Purrr, you could go quickly down the cellar steps and visit all the dark corners. You could look for mice. Now wouldn't you like to do that?"

Hanid waited for Purrr Purrr to say something. But Purrr Purrr remained silent.

Hanid sighed.

"Of course," she said, "it would be wonderful, Purrr Purrr, if you could learn the alphabet. Because if you learned the alphabet, you would be able to read a book. Then you could sit right under the window and read stories every day. I'll tell you what I'll do, dear. I'll teach you the alphabet right now. Shall I?"

Purrr Purrr didn't answer.

"Or else," said Hanid, "I could teach you numbers. I'll teach you how to add and how to subtract and how to divide and how to multiply. My, what a wonderful Cat you would grow up to be!"

Purrr Purrr still didn't say anything.

She Doesn't Like Them

"I don't think she likes any of those things," Hanid murmured to herself. "I wish I could think of something that

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Short Story—

THE BIG SWITCH IN NAMES

"THE others are down stairs in the recreation room," Mrs. Burt told Beatrice. "A name meeting of some kind, isn't it?"

"Yes," Beatrice answered hurriedly as she dashed down the stairs to join her six classmates. Her fingers grasped the library book she was carrying. "I hope this book helps me keep my friends," she thought.

"Hello!" Arnold greeted her. He was the only one standing. "We were about to start."

As Beatrice took her place with the others sitting cross-legged on the floor, Arnold went on: "We seven were the ones in English class who said we didn't like our names. We've called the meeting today to change them...officially."

Beatrice wished now she hadn't said she wanted to change her name. Why hadn't she known sooner what a beautiful name "Beatrice" was.

"What's your choice, Stella?" Arnold asked next.

"I think Chiquita is a beautiful name," Stella said.

"And you, Bernard? What new name would you like?" Bernard squinted his football shoulders as he announced: "Punt."

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SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Modern Buildings Have Elastic Sides

HELPING modern concrete buildings stretch a point or two is a big new job for rubber. The larger the structure, whether it be a skyscraper, dam or pipe line, the more necessary it is for it to have rubber joints to allow for expansion and contraction in heat and cold says an article in the quarterly journal of the Natural Rubber Development Board.

Rubber has the great advantage over metal of being able to move with the material without losing seal and it will not crystallise or break at the joint. Even in 100-foot lengths concrete is liable to expand over an eighth of an inch. In such cases, the article states, "Scientific research has indicated that the effect of the sun's heat is to produce an overall expansion such as would cause rupture and cracking in the structure."

CUSTOMARY

"Consequently it is now customary to insert expansion joints in buildings at intervals of a maximum of 100 ft to accommodate this expansion and subsequent contraction. These joints should be continuous through walls, floors, and roof to discontinue the sections completely."

"Expanded rubber inserted in strips and pointed at the face with rubberised bitumen or other types of mastic filler is an excellent means of forming such expansion joints. The filler is able to deform and recover even in the event of considerable movement in the structure."

A building usually takes time to "settle" into position and rubber joints play an important part in allowing it to do so. Provided the design is good, joints in pipe lines, ducts and buildings should last indefinitely.

Rubber gaskets used between gas and water mains recently, proved as good as new after 60 years' service. With compounding techniques it is now possible to produce a rubber that should last considerably longer.

SIMPLIFIED EXPERT PRINTING PROCESS

TOP quality printing which in the past required the technical experience of first class printers can now be produced by business houses on their own machines with their own personnel.

The first public demonstration in Britain of the 3M pre-sensitized photo-offset process is to be given at the Factory Equipment Exhibition at Earls Court, London from April 14 to 19.

SMALL AMOUNT

It is made possible because of the small amount of space required for a printing plant designed to run 3M plates and because the process requires only one-third the floor space and one-third the equipment demanded by conventional methods.

Only two ready mixed chemicals are needed and the printing is completed in three easy stages.

In fact, the 3M pre-sensitized photo-offset plate can be taken from the press, exposed, developed and mounted on the press all within five minutes. The plates, made of aluminium, ensure clean, sharp copy and produce high quality work whatever the changes in temperature and humidity.

Uniform impressions are assured, even on the longest runs, and the processed plates do not deteriorate in store.

Television Centre

FOR their new Television Centre at White City, in London, the largest of its kind in Europe, the British Broadcasting Corporation has placed a substantial contract with Marconi for the supply of camera and associated equipment. Fifteen Marconi 4" Image Orthicon camera channels have been ordered.

This type of camera and pick-up tube have been pioneered by Marconi and their associates. The English Electric Valve Company Limited. These two companies are in the unique position of having such equipment in operation with the B.B.C. as well as with the British commercial television programme contractors and with Broadcasting Authorities in Europe, North America, South America, Australia and India.

ELECTRONIC EYE PAYS OFF THE RIGHT PEOPLE

WHEN the horses run at Oriental Park here, Univac keeps an electronic eye on them—to pay off to the right people.

The right people are those who pick the daily double, called the "five and six," Univac, the Remington Rand computer used for a number of things by the United States Armed Forces—for example, to figure out the proper way to aim rocket missiles—keeps track of the bets.

It is a system figured out by George A. Puttlinger. He set it up in Puerto Rico, at another track, and brought it to Cuba. The computer sorts out the winners quicker than a horse can snort, and a microfilm machine is used to prepare check lists—so that there won't be any monkey business in the horse business.

CALCULATIONS

The computer works on odds, figures, totals, and all other calculations as such. The Univac machine registers the tickets or betting forms. Actually they are listings called "cuadros." It is all legal and the horse parlours, legal and open too, display the sheets with microfilm tickets for the customer to check.

The check sheet is made up of the winning cuadros, which were matched against the microfilm record. The system guarantees that there will be no alterations and no quick-change gimmicks after the races have started.

Flight Information On Split-Second Basis

REMINGTON Rand's Univac Airlines Reservations System is an improvement over so-called "automatic" devices previously employed for airline reservations work in that it is capable of performing a far greater number of functions.

In addition to transmitting information about seat availability, "selling" seats and wait lists, passengers on booked flights, the Univac Reservations System can furnish comprehensive information on en-route flights. A reservations agent or ticket counter agent can, by pressing a series of buttons on an "agent set," determine if a flight will be early, on time, or late, how late and why.

The system consists basically of Remington Rand random-access Univac file computer and a number of "agent sets" which are linked to the computer either directly or by communications trunk lines, depending on distance.

DATA STORAGE

Large data storage capacity is a feature of the file computer which is equipped with a battery of magnetic "memory" drums in each of which information may be stored. The system can transmit facts on as many as eight flights with stops at as many as 10 cities in one reply.

The Remington Rand Univac Airlines Reservations System can furnish reservations and flight information on a split-second basis. It eliminates the need for phone calls from an agent to a traffic movement controller who, under older systems, has to consult a chart to determine space availability before the information can be relayed to a station.

Weekly Survey On American Economy

STILL SIGNS OF WEAKNESS

Upturn In Small Business Caused By Improved Steel Operations

New York, May 25.

Improving steel operation led a number of small business upturns last week to support President Eisenhower's insistence that the U.S. recession is "slowing down." But there were still many signs of weakness that indicated a long and slow process of recovery.

Firmer tones in textiles, higher investments by utilities, a boost in steel production above the level of 50 per cent of capacity, gains for plastics, increased home building were among the favourable signs.

The auto industry continued to be the weakest industrial sector and copper and aluminium production cutbacks contributed to another one per cent decline in overall industrial production.

The recession has established itself as the most serious slump since the war with these statistics: Industrial production down 14 per cent compared with the 50 per cent drop in 1953-54. Gross national product is down four per cent against only a two and one-half drop in 1953-54. Factory unemployment is one per cent more than 1953-54.

Exports have dropped more in 1958 than expected but the Commerce Department reported last week that March imports were only two per cent below the March 1957 record total. Imports for the first quarter of 1958 were only two per cent down from 1957, which also was a record quarter figure—indicating that the U.S. recession has not yet cut deeply into U.S. purchases abroad.

Exports have had an "unexpectedly sharp decline," according to the Department of Commerce and a lower 1958 total is now forecast.

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NY Cotton Goods Market Review

New York, May 25.

New business in cotton grey goods this past week proved spotty and disappointingly small.

Failure of the recent buying movement in plain cloths to expand, or spread to the heavy-weight industrial fabrics, chilled new market interest.

A fortnight ago opinion consensus among producers suggested the market was "on rock bottom" and "overdue for a resumption of large-scale buying." Instead consumers adhered to a hand-to-mouth policy, making spot purchases and venturing cautiously on commitments going over into the third and fourth quarters.

Buyers hesitancy was coupled with several factors: 1. The slowdown in consumer apparel sales because of the persistently wet and cool weather, particularly over northwestern sections of the country; 2. Business recession psychology; and 3. Washington indecision over tax reductions.

Print cloth fabrics continued to be the focal point of whatever interest there was in the market. The basic 80-square yard number held around 17 1/2 cents for average makes and up to 18 cents a yard premium quality for June, July.

CONVERTERS

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Stocks Advance To New Highs On Wall Street

New York, May 25.

Stocks advanced during the past week with railroad issues reaching new high ground since Oct. 16, 1957 and utilities since Oct. 4, 1950. It was a week in which industrial leaders and government officials said the recession was bottoming out, when economists warned against running into a new inflation, and when several major lines reported weekly production gains.

For the market it was the sixth weekly rise in seven weeks. The rise just about restored last week's losses.

The Dow-Jones industrial average closed the week at 461.03 up 3.93 points and within 2.64 points of its 1958 high set on May 8; rails 115.16 up 3.17; utilities 78.12 up 0.03; and 53 stocks 150.94 up 1.80 points.

Has Risen

In the past seven weeks the industrial average has risen 20.40 points; rails 12.72 points; and utilities 4.06 points.

Sales in the past week totaled 12,330,930 shares, against 13,508,453 shares the previous week and 11,779,407 shares in the 1957 week.

So far in 1958, sales have aggregated 231,030,228 shares, a rise of about 10 per cent over the 211,240,103 shares at this time last year.

Leadership improved somewhat with U.S. Steel bringing up third place among the active with a sales of 151,000 shares for the week and a gain of 3 1/2 points.

Bethlehem was in sixth place with a gain of nearly two points. Top place went to Lorillard which recorded sales for the week of 213,100 shares. That issue touched a high of 60 1/2.

Cancer Scare

Then came another cancer scare as the stock market closed the week at 57 1/2 off 1/2 point. The whole tobacco group plunged down on Thursday on nothing more than a rumour that an article against the cigarette was being prepared somewhere. The issue recovered some of their wide losses but closed lower on the week.

J. I. Case was in second place, Servel was fourth and American Motors and Polaroid, in eighth place, lost three points.

Of the 1,402 issues traded, 880 gained 340 declined and 173 held unchanged. There were 208 at new highs for the year and 20 new lows.

With steel operation showing their fourth consecutive weekly gain—a gain that carried operations to a new high since January—demand developed for the steel shares. U.S. Steel, Bethlehem and Crucible were among the issues setting new highs. The group closed with gains running to more than three points.

Metals got a lift and finished the week with gains running to nearly four points. In International Nickel and Kennecott. Leaders in the copper industry anticipated an early depletion of inventories and a custom seller raised the copper price by a quarter cent to help the group.

Outlook

A better outlook developed for the oil shares which have been doing fairly well for some time. This past week they recorded gains ranging to four points.

Aircraft were in demand at gains running to more than four points. Beech and Chance Vought featured, the latter aided by an increased dividend.

Many individual issues scored wide gains. Automatic Cannon rose more than six points on a 100 per cent stock dividend. Garret Corp. gained more than three points on a five per cent stock extra.

Railroad issues netted gains for the week running to nearly four points in Norfolk & Western. Car Loadings rose on the week but were well below a year ago. Railroads continued to hope for some relief measures passed in this Congress.—United Press.

Bank Of France

Statement

Paris, May 25.

The Bank of France statement for the week ended May 14, reads as follows:

Total gold holdings 1,201,232,322
Total other currencies 11,003,032,082
Sight balance abroad 11,771,000,000
Advance to States 440
Total bills discounted 1,604,100,000,000
Bank notes in circulation 3,250,124,107,000
Current accounts and deposits 410,000,791,000
—United Press.

Bank Of England

Statement

London, May 25.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended May 21, reads as follows:

Notes in circulation 3,022,123,000
Public deposits 1,111,170,000
Private deposits 250,100,000
Government securities 4,029,500,000
Other securities 4,029,500,000
Reserve 100,000,000
—United Press.

Detroit To Close Down Earlier This Year

By JULIAN BATES

New York, May 25.

America's major car-makers—hard-hit by the recession—begin closing their 1958 assembly lines next month, one to three months earlier than usual.

By doing so, they hope dealers will be able to get rid of 770,000 unsold cars (1958 models) before the 1959 models appear.

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Reductions

There were also sharp reductions in exports of wheat, oil seeds and expressed oils and meat products and for such non-agricultural materials as metal scrap, iron and steel—mill products, nonferrous metals (mainly copper) and coal. The metals drop is attributed largely to the drop in Japanese purchases from an abnormally high rate in early 1957 to a more normal level.

But there still were export gains in some fields in January-February—industrial machinery, electrical apparatus, civilian aircraft, railway transportation equipment, chemical and grains other than wheat.

At the American Iron and Steel Institute's 50th anniversary meeting, many of the 1,000 executives attending said an upturn in steel orders in the past three weeks showed the recession. They forecast a steady production rise despite a seasonal drop in July.

A moderate fourth quarter rise was predicted. U.S. Steel's Chairman Roger M. Blough said "demand for steel has a very good chance of moving up" with the industry now

of Australia and the United Kingdom. Output in New Zealand, Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay was expected to be larger in each case than in the 1956-57 season.

At the same time world production is falling. Commonwealth wool prices have dropped by 30 per cent in the current season now ending. This has resulted in considerable talk among producers of "schemes for price support which would secure for producers a guaranteed minimum return for their stock."

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WHIT SUNDAY SUNSHINE TEMPTS BRITONS OUT OF DOORS

London, May 25.
Early sunshine tempted thousands of stay-at-home out of doors today to make the best of a cool Whit Sunday.

But the weathermen warned travellers to take their raincoats and mullers with them for the forecast showed showers, dropping temperatures and thunderstorms ahead.

BUSY
Kent and Sussex roads were busy with nose-to-tail traffic edging the way to south coast seaside resorts. There were occasional traffic jams and many beaches were crowded with cautious paddlers and picnickers.

Elsewhere in Britain the roads were quieter than a normal summer Sunday. Several special "trippers" trains were cancelled. Many Londoners without buses on town or country services of the water-ranger Green Line coaches, stayed home.

IN FRANCE
In Paris, despite a political crisis and poor weather, Parisians streamed into the countryside for a Whit weekend holiday in their hundreds of thousands.

About 400,000 left the capital by rail—244 extra trains were put on—and about the same number travelled by car.

The autoroute de l'ouest, one of the main roads leading out of Paris, yesterday between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., carried a record 33,000 vehicles—China Mail Special.

Desire To Raise Level Of Consumer Goods Production By.... Automation Behind The Iron Curtain

SHE MADE MANY FRIENDS IN JUST A FEW DAYS

Australian Opera Singer On A Short Visit

by J. P. Prettejohn

VISITING Hongkong at the moment and finding a wealth of genuine friendship is Australian-born opera singer, Miss Alice Gange.

She arrived on May 7 after attending the Festival of Arts in Japan.

High Standard
Miss Gange felt in love with Hongkong the first day she landed—not with the many scenic spots, but the genuine friendliness of the people she met.

She was in a cafe that day and finding it difficult to make the waiter understand what she wanted. A lady who was sharing the table with her, helped.

She was Miss Joyce Botelho and the two struck up a firm friendship. Since then, Miss Gange said, Mrs Botelho had introduced her to many of Hongkong's amateur artists such as Miss Irene Yuen, Miss Irene Liao and others whom Miss Gange regards as musicians of a "very high standard."

"They and many people here are really nice," Miss Gange said. "I came here less than three weeks ago a total stranger and now I am a friend of many friends."

Local music lovers will be able to hear and see her singing over television tomorrow night at 8.20 p.m. It is possible she may broadcast over Radio Hongkong early next month.

Miss Gange was attracted to the stage as a youngster and one day discovered that she had a good voice. She attended singing classes at the New South Wales Conservatorium. Encouraged by her teachers, she began broadcasting and appearing in radio shows in her home town.

Later she decided to go to Europe for further training. She studied first in the United Kingdom and later travelled to Europe where she studied in Milan and Madrid.

At the same time she got stage experience as a mezzo soprano with opera companies.

SIGNIFICANCE OF COMMUNIQUE BY COMMUNIST NATIONS

Moscow, May 25.
Russia and the Communist countries of Eastern Europe, in a communique issued today, showed an urgent desire to raise the level of consumer goods production by a wider use of automation, without sacrificing the priority of heavy industry.

This is the significance of the communique issued after Soviet and East European Communist and state leaders met here as members of the Mutual Economic Assistance Council for four days beginning from last Tuesday.

It referred to the necessity to take into consideration the mutual interest of the Socialist countries when drawing up long range plans.

Necessary
The need for rational planning and close co-operation is especially necessary if the Eastern bloc now embarked on a large programme of buying Western products, as suggested recently by Mr Nikita Khrushchev, Soviet Premier.

Underlying the whole communique is the Soviet Union's avowed intention to catch up and pass the United States in industrial production per head. In absolute terms the volume of Soviet output is in many industrial categories now far exceeding that of Britain or France and second only to that of the United States.

However, higher than in the U.S. and before Russia can compete against the American economy, there has to be a reduction of waste and a much higher level of efficiency combined with consumer research.

In this connection, the communique referred to the particular attention given at the council meeting to the need of further increasing the specialisation of engineering with a view to sharply reducing the production costs per unit.

Special
The machine construction industry was singled out by the communique for special reference and it was said that development in this field would proceed "based on the principles of full equality and rights, mutual respect of national interests and Socialist mutual aid."

Today that a communique signed at the end of the meeting in Moscow of the eight members of the Warsaw Pact would not be published until all delegations had arrived back in their home countries. The meeting ended yesterday.

(Last night, the radio said it was sure, from information received from Moscow, that the leaders had signed a communique suggesting a collective non-aggression treaty between the Warsaw Pact nations and the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.)—China Mail Special.

From the Files 25 years AGO

A CHINESE was fined \$4 or four days in prison by Mr Wynne-Jones yesterday (May 19) for causing an obstruction in Jubilee Street with a sack of snakes. The Police said the defendant had a crowd round him and he was performing tricks with the reptiles.

The Magistrate—Jubilee Street is too crowded with people, let you go playing about with snakes. Defendant—I never let them out.

Forty-eight vessels were dismantled in Japan during 1957. They totalled 200,040 tons of which 28 of 197,030 tons were vessels imported for the purpose of scrapping and 20 of 2,417 tons were Japanese registered. During 1951, 41 imported vessels of 215,273 tons and 11 Japanese vessels of 39,922 tons were dismantled.

ALTERATIONS to the ground floor of Gloucester Building are forehadowed in a scheme which is nearing completion to transform the wing facing Pedder Street into a lounge. Mr. P. J. Newman, manager of Gloucester Building, said the plans had not been passed and he could not give any information beyond confirming the fact that a lounge would be constructed. If present plans are approved, the lounge is expected to be ready round about September.

After many delays it looks as if work will commence at an early date on the erection of a building for the Hongkong Amusement Co. Ltd. of a cinema theatre on what may be considered one of the finest sites of Macao, facing the New Post Office Building and beside that of the Municipal Council.

A BASEBALL game at 3.30 p.m. today (May 20) will be the attraction at the South China A. A. ground. The game will be between the Hongkong Americans and the South China Boys. The Hongkong Americans have a very strong ball team and will have the service of Al Heubner who has been ruled as the find in plucking circles around these parts. With Heubner will be the Leonards—Terry and David, "Big Ben" Zafra, one time king of "Swats" in Hongkong, and a number of new comers including Dunham of the American Consulate who will bring a better type of baseball to Hongkong.

Today's football attraction is a charity match between the Services and the Chinese on the Club Ground, Happy Valley, at 4.30 p.m. (May 20). Proceeds will be forwarded to the Children's Playground Association.

THE arrival here yesterday (May 11) of the French steamer La Perouse commences a new passenger and cargo service which is being run by the Messageries Maritime Line between Australia and the Orient. This is the first visit of the La Perouse to this port. On her present trip she brought 300 tons of flour and general cargo to Hongkong from Australia and had 12 cabin passengers.

BERT Woolley and Robert Woolley were the principal guests at the Rotary Club tiffin at Gloucester Building yesterday (May 10). Rotarian T. B. Wilson, at whose invitation the two visitors were attending the function, said he had been in the streets the previous day and noticed a couple of funny-looking birds and promptly invited them to tiffin. They remarked that they had heard of the tiffin club from George Bernard Shaw but if the food was good they would come, although they did not make a practice of appearing before the public in person but only on the screen.

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The Memorable Moiseiwitsch

By D. E. GRAY

I imagine Hongkong will wish to say its biggest "Thank You" to date, to Harry Odell for bringing Benno Moiseiwitsch here. Saturday night's recital in Loke Yew Hall by Moiseiwitsch revealed him to those who had never heard him before, and confirmed the fact to those of us who had, that he is one of the great pianists of our time.

To someone who, for 50 years has enthralled audiences with his playing in every city from Shanghai to San Francisco (via London), who, for some 30 years has played in the United Kingdom before the most discriminating audiences and under the most watchful eyes of the Ernest Newman and the Neville Cardus of our time, I feel it is almost comical for me to be writing as a "critic" about this great man's playing. In all humility I recognised this fact.

Moiseiwitsch is now 68; he called here on a world tour. While we hope he will, he may not pass this way again, and I am glad to report that Hongkong did not miss the opportunity on this occasion. The hall was packed to the door. Everything about the recital gave the impression of greatness.

THE PIANO
Firstly there was the piano. This was a University piano in a University hall. People are extremely lucky, in the absence of a City Hall, to have, by courtesy of the Vice-Chancellor of the University, the use of this fine hall. The piano is adequate for the purposes for which it was installed; but, as a "concert grand" for a world-famous pianist like Moiseiwitsch, there was so much question about its adequacy.

Yet, Moiseiwitsch never tried to bring more out of the instrument than it was capable of giving. Let me throw out the suggestion to Harry Odell, the Music Society, the Philharmonic Orchestra and all others who use that hall, that (if Mr Odell is going to continue to bring pianists of this calibre here,) they might all combine to help him buy a really top-grade 11-foot 8-inch "concert grand."

STANDARD
The programme was drawn exclusively from the standard repertoire—no modern or unusual works, but things that we of this generation had been brought up to, things that no one could grow tired of, and that everyone loved.

There was the A flat Schubert Impromptu, a group of Brahms waltzes, the Beethoven "Waldstein" Sonata, and a Chopin group in the first half. After the interval, Moiseiwitsch played Mussorgsky's "Pictures from an Exhibition." This is the item which most listeners will remember him for as long as they live. In every item on this programme he literally made the piano speak. But never was his musicianship so clear as in this number.

SIDE-GLANCES By Galbraith



"Mom, Larry and I have some big news to tell you—we've decided to play together steady!"

by JOHN LUFF

thing. And James Gould Cozzens has done just that. "By Love Possessed," not only topped the best-seller list, but was made "Book of the Month" in the States. Furthermore, "Reader's Digest" paid \$100,000 for the condensation rights, and Hollywood turned over the same amount for the film rights. And that is language Hongkong can appreciate, success spelt with a capital S.

I am not going to say that Mr Cozzens' success was unheralded or his ability unrecognised. For almost two decades, the American literary men have been hammering at the great American public and telling them they had a writer in their midst, but the many-headed hydra of indifference, now they have, and James Gould Cozzens has arrived.

In Hongkong, the release of the book is tied up with the U.K. market, and the English reviews will be released along with the one I am writing now, but the English reviewers are much puzzled over the book, and have relied on the American reviewers for their inspiration.

Subject
I am not surprised, for it is a long time since a good novel found its way through the English press, and most of the reviewers would not recognise a good bit of writing if they saw it.

I am not saying the English novelist cannot write, but I do say that good writing must have a good subject, and when we get Kingsley Amis riding to the top on a sort of self-satisfied pulchritude, and when the cats are the heroes of smutty little pre-visual, saloon, beer, and their greatest achievement is to set

Delight

The literary man will take it up with delight. It is just what he has been waiting for. Prediction is as uncertain for a reviewer as for a professional fortune teller, but I think I know a good bit of writing when I come across it. And if the success of this novel is not repeated in England, and in smaller way in Hongkong, then I shall be confirmed in an opinion I have held for some ten years. The writers of the English novel are in America, and any hopes and aspirations we entertain on behalf of the English novel rest in the hands of the American novelists.

"By Love Possessed," by J.G. Cozzens. Published by Longman Green & Company Ltd. On sale at all local bookshops. Price \$18.00.

Found: One Alligator

New Orleans, May 25.
Responding to a woman's scream, Allen Kaganman, 32, located a three-foot alligator in front of his downtown furniture store yesterday.

No one knows how the unidentified, unclaimed alligator got there—United Press International.

Taken For Granted

Hammon, May 26.
Bandits robbed a tavern proprietor and three customers of \$581.27 last night but passed up two other customers because they looked drunk to us.—United Press International.